

REMARKS

Claims 40-59 were previously pending in this patent application. Claims 40, 47, and 54 stand rejected. Claims 41-46, 48-53, and 55-59 are objected to. Herein, no Claim has been amended. Accordingly, after this Amendment and Response, Claims 40-59 remain pending in this patent application. Further examination and reconsideration in view of the claims, remarks, and arguments set forth below is respectfully requested.

SPECIFICATION

According to the Office Action, the abstract was objected to because it exceeded 150 words in length. Herein, the abstract has been amended to avoid exceeding 150 words in length.

In the specification, the serial number for the U.S. provisional application was inserted on page 1. No new matter was added.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 40, 47, and 54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 19, and

29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,724,720. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted to obviate the double patenting rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 41-46, 48-53, and 55-59 are objected to but would be allowable if their respective independent claims 40, 47, and 54 overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection set forth above.

Herein, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted to obviate the double patenting rejection against independent claims 40, 47, and 54. Hence, Claims 40-59 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the above claims, arguments and remarks overcome all rejections and objections. All remaining claims (Claims 40-59) are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references. For at least the above-presented reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (Claims 40-59) are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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